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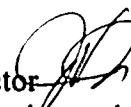
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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: John Viernes, Jr., Director 
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SUBJECT: **NOTICE TO TERMINATE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHLAND
OUTPATIENT RECOVERY CENTER, A DRUG/MEDI-CAL AGENCY**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) terminated its agreement with Southland Outpatient Recovery Center for cause, effective August 28, 2013. The agency is located at 920 North Long Beach Boulevard, Suites 1, 2, and 3, Compton, California 90221, in the Second Supervisorial District.

SAPC's June 7, 2013 annual audit report of the agency identified multiple occasions where the contractor's staff allegedly engaged in inappropriate behavior with minors. Staff concluded in the audit report that no documentation was provided to indicate that the allegations of inappropriate behavior were reported as mandated by law and according to the contractor's obligations to do so.

The County's contract requires that contractor staff are trained in child abuse reporting, the requirements of mandated reporters, and on prohibitions of inappropriate contact between staff and program participants. Contractor staff's failure to report as required is considered a breach of the County's contract and is subject to immediate termination.

DPH advised Southland Outpatient Recovery Center that it had 30 calendar days from August 28, 2013 to appeal the decision to terminate the agency's contract. No appeal was received from the agency by September 27, 2013. SAPC has notified the State Department of Health Care Services (SDHCS) of the termination.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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